

Washington-Moscow hotline, as a deputy chief at the National Security Agency and as Executive Secretary of the Director of Central Intelligence Language Committee. And, more recently, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona, who served as personal interpreter and advisor to General Norman Schwarzkopf during Operation Desert Storm.

The DLI's Foreign Language Center is well situated at the Presidio of Monterey Presidio. Its proximity to the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Coast make the Institute a natural destination for native-speaking language instructors of the highest caliber. In turn, DLI has greatly enriched our community by creating a locus of culture and learning.

The foreign language training the Defense Language Institute has imparted to "the best and brightest" of our U.S. Armed Forces has proven to be one of our Nation's best national security weapons. On March 5, 2005, General John P. Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), said, "This ability to cross the cultural divide is not an Army issue. It is a national issue. We have to be able to deal with the people in the rest of the world as the globe shrinks in terms of communication and problem solving and sharing. So this notion of . . . training and educating people here in the U.S., of having the institutions that do it . . . is just so essential."

"What will win the global war on terrorism will be people that can cross the cultural divide, reach out to those who want our help, and figure out how to make it happen so [those people] can help themselves. That is how we will win this thing," continued Gen. Abizaid. "So we ignore the DLIs and other institutions of military education at our own peril. I very much ask [this] committee to continue to keep those places functioning, because they are national treasures."

General Abizaid's sentiments resonate to the very foundations of the Institute and fill its halls with purpose and resolve. Cross cultural understanding coupled with the ability to communicate with our friends and enemies in their own languages will promote U.S. national security, economic and foreign policy interests, making the U.S. the leader of the global community.

I am very pleased to join the Secretary of the Army, Francis H. Harvey, the Commandant of DLI, Colonel Tucker B. Mansager, and other distinguished guests to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Defense Language Institute. Monterey is proud of its rich association with DLI and we all look forward to its future success and continued growth.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANMOL S. MAHAL, MD., PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Anmol Singh Mahal, who has been named president of the California Medical Association (CMA). He is the first person of Indian origin to head the 35,000-member organization.

Dr. Mahal is a board-certified internist in solo practice in gastroenterology and internal

medicine in Fremont, California. He came to the United States 33 years ago after receiving his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He completed his internship in internal medicine at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, New Jersey and completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the Stanford University Medical Center.

He is a founding member and past president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Northern California. Prior to being named President of the California Medical Association, Dr. Mahal served one term as the Chair of the CMA Board of Trustees and two terms as Vice Chair. He has been a member of the CMA Board since 1997 and is a commissioner for the state Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Dr. Mahal has served CMA on multiple committees including Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians, and as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee on Minority Physician Issues. He is currently a member of CMA's Committee on the Medical Board of California, and the Ethnic Medical Organization Section Executive Board.

In addition to his activities at the state and local levels, Dr. Mahal has served as Chief of Staff of the Washington Hospital Healthcare System in Fremont, California and a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Outpatient Surgery Center in Fremont. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

I join Dr. Mahal's colleagues, friends and admirers in wishing him every success as he takes the helm of leadership as President of the California Medical Association.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY 2ND LIEUTENANT JOHNNY CRAVER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Army 2nd Lieutenant Johnny Craver from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for serving our country during Iraqi Freedom. Second Lt. Craver died Friday 13, 2006 with two other soldiers south of Baghdad when a roadside bomb detonated next to the Bradley Fighting Vehicle he was commanding.

I would like to recognize and celebrate Army 2nd Lieutenant Johnny Craver's life today. After a miraculous recovery from an automobile accident during his teenage years, 2nd Lt. Craver told his mother at the young age of 17 that he was going to join the armed forces. While serving as a Ranger and later, a Ranger instructor, 2nd Lt. Craver was stationed in Hawaii, Alaska, and Washington, DC, before being deployed to Iraq. He was 37 years old.

In 2005, 2nd Lt. Craver trained for and participated in the 2005 Best Ranger Competition on TV. When his partner twisted an ankle climbing a steep hill, Craver never faltered, and carried his partner's 80-pound backpack, in addition to his own, to reach the top of the hill.

A natural leader, 2nd Lt. Craver was near completion of his Master's degree in business administration. He leaves behind a loving wife,

Natalie, and their three children, Savannah, Caelen, and Emma. When told he was a hero, 2nd Lt. Craver would always reply, "I'm not a hero, I'm just doing my job."

It was my honor to represent Army 2nd Lieutenant Johnny Craver, and I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his honorable service was greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO HAN BEOL JANG

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Han Beol Jang of Woodside, New York. I wish to recognize Han Beol for his Poetry, Gold Award win in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2006 contest, sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. The Alliance was established to promote artistic development and expression in middle and high school students throughout the nation in cooperation with schools. This year's competition recognized the work of over 1,400 students and invited award recipients to a workshop hosted in New York designed to introduce students to the professional world of art.

Mr. Speaker, I join to wish Han Beol best wishes and good fortune in his future projects.

IN HONOR OF ARCHBISHOP FOUAD TWAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Archbishop Fouad Twal and his accomplishments in working toward peace and ecumenical acceptance of all people. Archbishop Twal has served the Catholic Church for over 40 years in Tunisia, Honduras, Germany, Peru, Jordan, Palestine, the Vatican, and Jerusalem. His recent assignment in Jerusalem has led him to the distinguished positions as the Coadjutor Archbishop for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the President of the Bethlehem University.

Archbishop Twal's distinguished career as a vessel of peace through the Roman Catholic Church began in 1966 when he was ordained. Rising through the ranks with remarkable swiftness, he received his Licentiate in Canon Law from the renowned Ecclesiastical Pontifical Academy. With a rich history of public service in peace efforts in the Middle East, he has served the Latin Patriarchate Parishes in Palestine and Jordan, as Archbishop of Tunisia, and in the Council of Political Affairs for the State Secretariat of the Vatican. This outstanding background was merely preparation for his appointment as Coadjutor Archbishop for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem by His